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Meyers Votes for Microbead Bill

Legislation would prevent further plastic microbead contamination in the Great Lakes

Representative Beth Meyers (D-Bayfield) voted in favor of Senate Bill 15 when it came before the full State Assembly on Tuesday, April 15th, 2015. This legislation will require manufacturers to phase out the use of microbeads in their products within the next few years.

“The state of Wisconsin needs to do all it can to protect our Great Lakes and I am proud that I co-authored and voted for this important legislation that does just that,” stated Meyers.

Senate Bill 15 will ban the tiny bits of plastic known as microbeads. They are typically found in facial scrubs and toothpaste and recently scientists have discovered these beads from wastewater treatment plants into the Great Lakes and other water systems. The plastic beads absorb pollutants such as DDT and PCBs, which pose significant risks to fish and human health when they are ingested.

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